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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 5, paragraph [0016], with the following rewritten paragraph:

--Figure 3A – 3H [[3D]] shows flow cytometric analysis of clones recovered from screen. Protoplasts were made from selected plasmids and fused to HEK293 cells. After 24 hours, cells were analyzed via flow cytometry for blue (Y-axis) and green (X-axis) fluorescence. PS2, PS3, and PS4 are positively selected clones, while NS I is a randomized 50-nt element that does not possess significant IRES activity. As a negative control, protoplasts from a control plasmid (pLuc-NI) that does not express fluorescent proteins was fused to HEK293 cells. Approximately 10% of HEK293 cells were productively fused with protoplasts.--